

SENATE BILL NO. 19

INTRODUCED BY L. JENT

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE BOARD OF OUTFITTERS MAY NOT ISSUE A NEW NONRESIDENT OUTFITTER'S LICENSE TO A RESIDENT OF ANY STATE THAT DOES NOT AUTHORIZE THE COMMENSURATE LICENSING OF NONRESIDENT MONTANA OUTFITTERS IN THAT STATE; AMENDING SECTION 37-47-307, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 37-47-307, MCA, is amended to read:

"37-47-307. Investigation of applicant -- issuance or denial of license -- reciprocity. (1) The department shall investigate each applicant for an outfitter's, guide's, or professional guide's license. The board shall determine the applicant's qualifications.

(2) The board may deny or refuse to issue any new license or to renew any previous license if the applicant does not meet the qualifications stated in this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter. In the event that any application for a license is denied or refused, the board shall immediately notify the applicant, setting forth in the notice the grounds upon which the denial or refusal is based.

(3) The board may not issue a new nonresident outfitter's license to a resident of any state that does not authorize the commensurate licensing of nonresident Montana outfitters in that state.

~~(3)~~(4) A licensee in good standing is entitled to a new license for the ensuing license year upon complying with the provisions of this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter and upon completing an application for license renewal on a form provided by the board.

~~(4)~~(5) This section may not be interpreted to conflict with 37-1-138."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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